



WHEREAS, more than 84,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are serving in more than 2,600 national and local nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, and other groups across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, National Service Members serve their communities by improving education, protecting public safety, improving health care, safeguarding the environment, providing disaster relief and promoting civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,600 AmeriCorps Members serving in Illinois will take their pledge today and promise to carry this commitment to service throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, over 17,000 Senior Corps Members are currently contributing their time and talents through the Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) programs; and

WHEREAS, the Learn and Serve America program provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofits to engage more than 64,000 Illinois students in community service, civic learning and community service each year; and

WHEREAS, the Serve Illinois Commission is charged with enhancing and supporting community volunteerism in all its forms and in the administration of the AmeriCorps State program in Illinois,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2012 as **NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY** in the State of Illinois, and congratulate Illinois' AmeriCorps and the National Service family of programs, both past and present, on their service in strengthening communities through volunteerism in the State of Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

this EIGHTEENTH *day of* OCTOBER *, in*

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

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the one hundred and NINETY-FOURTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR